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CITY PAID THAT \$125,000 SHONTS BONUS; MORGAN WON'T COME BACK TO TESTIFY

INDORSEMENT OF GOVERNOR IN DOUBT AS REPUBLICANS GATHER FOR CONVENTION

Whitman's Wish to Be Chairman of Delegation Will Get No Consideration.

HOSTILITY IS SHOWN.

Place Among "Big Four" Given Because It Would Be Bad Politics to Drop Him.

After a day of exciting discussion and criticism of Gov. Whitman, preliminary to the State Convention that convenes to-night in Carnegie Hall, leaders of the party decided that he should be included in the "Big Four" of the delegation to the National Convention, but left open for further consideration the question of endorsing his Administration.

The Governor will not be named Chairman of the delegation by the convention. Selection of the leader for that post will be left to the discretion of the entire State delegation after it has been chosen at the April primaries.

This has been the rule in the past and will be continued this year, despite the Governor's demand that he be named to lead the State. The State delegation will not get together and organize until it reaches Chicago next June. Therefore, no importance attaches to the order in which the Big Four names are placed on the list at to-night's convention.

The inclusion of Gov. Whitman in the Big Four is not through any love or fear on the part of a large majority of the hundreds of Republican leaders who swarmed into town to-day from all parts of the State. Four out of every five men were in unfriendly frame of mind toward the Governor. From a position of leadership and triumph, Mr. Whitman has tobogganned down the political incline with unprecedented swiftness.

In trying to account for the collapse, the Governor's well-wishers charged it principally to his temperamental deficiencies, which have served to alienate hundreds of men of political influence. They asserted that his administration of State affairs had been above the average, but in a thousand little personal affairs unnecessarily through lack of tact and straightforwardness.

All these things came to a sudden head to-day when political leaders, big and little, got together from all counties in the State and volcano of unfavorable criticism burst around the Governor. Subordinating their personal sentiments, the foremost leaders decided that for the party's good, but not out of any consideration for Gov. Whitman, he should be included among the Big Four and the explosion of wrath suppressed for the present.

The word was passed around that all State politics should be deferred until next summer and that this meeting should give its attention solely to national issues. The party is greater in any individual, they announced, than must be allowed to happen which will endanger Republicanism in the Nation.

sooner was this point settled another troublesome question to up. That was whether the action in its resolutions should any reference to Gov. Whitman's administration. All afternoon debate was debated in caucus

WILLARD'S FIGHT WITH MORAN PUT OFF TO MARCH 24

Champion, Sick in Chicago, Asks More Time—Rickard Names New Date.

"TOO BAD," SAYS MORAN

Willard Suffering From Grippe and Threatened With Pneumonia.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Jess Willard announced to-day that he will ask a two weeks' postponement of his fight with Frank Moran, ill in bed at his home in Roger's Park, the champion directed Mrs. Willard to make this announcement.

Mrs. Willard said it will be impossible for Jess to resume training for another week at least. He was confined to his bed to-day with a cold in his throat and head that made either road or gym work impossible.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—"Too bad. I'm sorry," said Frank Moran to-day when told over the telephone that the illness of Jess Willard at Chicago would cause a postponement.

"That is satisfactory to me," said Promoter Tex Rickard when informed by the Evening World that Willard will ask for a postponement. "If Willard is sick he can have Madison Square Garden for March 24. I will not claim his forfeit and I will not lose any money by the postponement."

BABY DEAD; EIGHT ILL;
POISONED BY PORK

Board of Health Starts Inquiry Into Case of Whole Family Stricken After Meal.

The Board of Health to-day caused an investigation to be started into the death of eighteen-months-old May Sabrizia at St. Joseph's Hospital, Far Rockaway, and the serious illness of eight others after eating pork bought from an unidentified peddler.

Last Friday, the little girl, and her brothers, Joseph, four; Ralph, eleven, and Andrew, eight, and her sister, Annie, fifteen—were taken to St. Joseph's suffering from trichinosis. On the same day, their father, John Sabrizia, thirty-nine, who has a hotel at No. 33 Remsen Street, Far Rockaway; Peter Carrella, the bartender, and Michael Crestier, a brazier became ill and were taken to the hospital. Mrs. Cornelia Sabrizia, mother of the children, was taken to the hospital to-day. According to the police, Sabrizia bought six pigs from a peddler. One was slaughtered for Friday's dinner.

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FOR WAR IN FRANCE

This Will Bring Total French Apportionments Since War Began to \$8,800,000,000.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—An appropriation of 5,817,000,000 francs for the second quarter of 1916 is provided in a bill introduced in the Chamber of Deputies to-day by Alexandre Ribot, Minister of Finance.

Of this amount all but 657,000,000 francs is for military purposes, making \$1,550,000,000 for use in the war.

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SAILING TO-DAY.

Apache, Jacksonville 1 P. M.
Pennsylvanian, Santos 2 P. M.
C. of St. Louis, Savannah 3 P. M.

World Wants Work Wonders.

160,000 TURKISH TROOPS CAUGHT IN A RUSSIAN TRAP

German Field Marshals Von der Goltz and Von Sanders Also Held at Erzerum.

FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE

Germans and French in Struggle on Fifteen-Mile Front—Paris Claims Gains.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Grand Duke Nicholas, commanding the Russian armies in the Caucasus, is battering away at the defenses of Erzerum, the most strongly fortified city in Asia Minor. Already one of the strong forts has fallen before Slav guns, and many prisoners have been captured.

Two German Field Marshals, Von der Goltz and Leman von Sanders,

and four Turkish army corps—the First, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh—of 360,000 men, are shut up in Erzerum.

The Germans are preparing for a still greater offensive blow in the Champagne, designed to hurl back the French on a fifteen-mile front from the Chalonsse Railway, according to despatches received here to-day.

Since early yesterday a steady roll of heavy German artillery has shaken the hills of the Champagne. The Germans are hurling thousands of high explosive shells at the French positions on the ridges, concentrating their fire on Tauron and the sector just east of the Navarin Farm.

The bombardment was so terrific that French troops were under cover practically all of yesterday.

By driving a wedge in the French line west of the Navarin farm on Saturday night and following up this success with a similarfeat five miles to the east in Sunday night's fighting, the Germans now threaten to force the retirement of the French in a series of attacks. The Lucy Valley attack launched by the Teutons yesterday may be the beginning of an offensive to throw the French back.

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